

Instructions

NOTE: The following are filing instructions for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and temporary treatment benefits applicants from Honduras and Nicaragua:

- **How Do You Register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?**

Nationals of Nicaragua or Honduras (or eligible aliens who have no nationality and last habitually resided in Nicaragua or Honduras,) seeking to register or re-register for TPS, or apply for renewal of temporary treatment benefits, must submit Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS).

Submit also two recent identical, passport-style color photographs and supporting evidence of nationality and residency in the United States since December 30, 1998. See Form I-821 for specific photograph instructions.

You must complete and submit the Form I-765, even if you already have or do not require employment authorization.* After the CIS receives your application, you will receive a notice to appear for fingerprinting as part of the required biometric services. If necessary, the CIS may also take your photograph and signature.

- **Where Should You File Your Application?**

If you are filing as a national of Honduras or Nicaragua, file your applications (Forms I-821 and I-765) with the CIS Service Center having jurisdiction over the state where you live. For nationals of other designated TPS countries, file your applications in accordance with the Form I-821 instructions.

If you live in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia or the U.S. Virgin Islands, mail your applications to:

**Vermont Service Center
ATTN: TPS
75 Lower Welden Street
St. Albans, VT 05479**

If you live in Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii or Nevada, mail your applications to:

**California Service Center
ATTN: TPS
P.O. Box 10821
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0821**

If you live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee or Texas, mail your applications to:

**Texas Service Center
P.O. Box 853062
Mesquite, TX 75185-0997**

If you live elsewhere in the United States, mail your applications to:

**Nebraska Service Center
P.O. Box 87821
Lincoln, NE 68501-7821**

- **How Much Are the Fees?**

If you are filing for initial registration or late initial registration, include the following fees:

Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status	\$ 50.00*
Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization	\$175.00*
Biometrics Services (for fingerprinting and other services)	\$ 70.00
Total	\$295.00*

If you are filing for re-registration or renewal of temporary treatment benefits, include the following fees:

Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status	no fee
Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization	\$175.00*
Biometrics Services (for fingerprinting and other services)	\$ 70.00
Total	\$245.00*

* If you already have or do not require employment authorization, you are exempt from the employment authorization fee of **\$175.00**. You may request a waiver for the fees of Forms I-821 and I-765 by completing and submitting an appropriately documented fee waiver request. All applicants 14 years of age or older must submit the **\$70.00** biometrics services fee. There is no waiver for the biometric services fee.

- **How Can You Get Information on Your Case?**

For information you may need before you file for TPS status, please call the CIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** or visit our internet website at **www.uscis.gov**.

After you submit your TPS registration application packet, you will receive a receipt from the CIS Service Center. To determine the status of your application please visit our Case Status Online tool at **https://egov.immigration.gov/cris/jsps/index.jsp**. If you have other questions, call our National Customer Service Center or visit the CIS internet website.